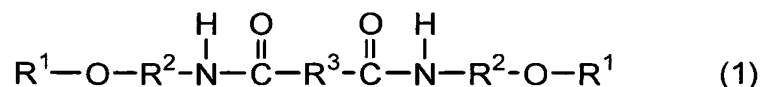


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Hair cosmetic compositions contain (A) a higher alcohol,
or a fatty acid or its salt; and (B) a diamide compound represented
5 by the following formula (1):



wherein R^1 represents a linear or branched C_{1-12} hydrocarbon group
which may be substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups and/or
alkoxy groups, R^2 represents a linear or branched, divalent C_{1-5}
10 hydrocarbon group, and R^3 represents a linear or branched,
divalent C_{1-22} hydrocarbon group. The hair cosmetic compositions
may protect hair from physical and chemical damages to inhibit
occurrence of split ends or broken hair and further, may impart
a good feel to the touch such as moisturized feel and silkiness
15 to hair.